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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PRESS SLIGHTLY MORE RELAXED ON SOUTHERN
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1. CAIRO WEEKEND EDITORIALS DEVOTED SOME ATTENTION TO ISRAELI
TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ON LEBANESE BORDER BUT TONE IS LESS
ALARMIST THAN PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL). COMMENTARIES HAVE DROPPED
THEME OF ISRAELI DOMESTIC "CRISIS" AS BASIS FOR IDF MOVES
AND NOW RELYING ON FAMILIAR EXPLANATION OF ISRAELI EXPAN-
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SIONISM. EDITORIALS SAY ISRAEL SEEKING EXPLOIT STILL UN-

SETTLE SITUATION IN LEBANESE SOUTH AND, IN COOPERATION WITH LEBANESE RIGHT, "EXTEND HER EXISTENCE INTO LEBANESE TERRITORIES." AKHBAR EDITORIAL, WHICH VIEWS RETURN TO PEACE IN LEBANON AS ERIOUS BLOW TO ISRAELI PLANS FOR CONTINUED STRIFE, CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR ARABS TO REPLY "WITH WISDOM, AWARENESS AND PATIENCE."

2. COMMENT: GOE MAKING MUCH OF ITS NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE" AND, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF ISRAELI DESIRE FOR PEACE, APPARENTLY SEES NO PURPOSE IN CLOUDING ATMOSPHERE AT MOMENT. IT, IN ANY EVENT, LESS NERVOUS ON IMMEDIATE SITUATION, AS DEPARTURE OF MINDEF GAMASY FOR HAJ NOV 27 WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE.
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